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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

This paper is filed in response to the March 18, 2002, Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

CLAIMS:

Applicants resubmit the as-filed claims on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(h) subject to approval by the Examiner. Applicants request that the Office enter these claims into this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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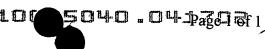
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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